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Need to Know

Land Trust Announces Its Application for Accreditation and Invites Your Comments

The Land Trust for Tennessee is pleased to announce that we are applying for accreditation in the inaugural year of the national Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Program. Accreditation is designed to strengthen management of conservation land transactions and promote confidence in land trusts. The Land Trust Accreditation Program recognizes organizations that meet national quality standards covering 12 Standards and Indicator Practices that are part of the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices. A public comment period is now open, and the Land Trust Accreditation Commission invites public input and accepts signed, written comments on our pending application through December 28, 2008. To learn more about the accreditation program and to submit a comment, click the link below to our website or visit www.landtrustaccreditation.org where a simple form for submitting comments is available.

[To Read More and Obtain Additional Public Comment Information: Please Click Here](#)

The Hermitage Hotel Partners with Land Trust for Tennessee

The Land Trust for Tennessee is happy to let you know about an exciting new partnership with The Hermitage Hotel in Nashville. The downtown Nashville luxury hotel, Tennessee's only Mobil Five Star and AAA Five Diamond hotel, is now offering an innovative donor program for The Land Trust. The funds will be



Have you saved the date for Once in a Blue Moon 2008 yet?



If you would like more information about the event or would like to host a table please email bluemoon@landtrusttn.org.

Spotlight



Scenic Tennessee 2009 Photo Contest Co-Sponsored by The Land Trust for Tennessee

Scenic Tennessee and The Land Trust for Tennessee join in announcing the



Next time you are in need of hotel accommodations in Nashville, please remember to stay at The Hermitage Hotel. Not only will you and your guests have an extraordinary

used to support The Land Trust's land protection efforts throughout the state. We are thrilled by this exciting opportunity and thank for The Hermitage Hotel for supporting land conservation in our state.

experience, you will be helping protect the Tennessee land we all love so much.

For more details on the The Hermitage Hotel please visit their website by clicking on the hotel's logo above.

17th Annual *Scenic Tennessee Photo Contest*. This year's theme is "**Lands Worth Preserving**" – celebrating Tennessee's distinctive landscapes. The 2009 contest comes after a robust and fruitful 2008 contest which was exhibited at several venues across the state including: East Tennessee Historical Society, Knoxville; Martin Community College, Jackson; Collierville City Hall; Rutherford County Heritage Center, Murfreesboro.

Landowner Stories

The Land Trust and our East TN Partners Celebrate the First Greene County Conservation Easement

The Fortune family has deep roots in the Southern Appalachian soil. Philip Fortune is a fifth generation farmer in these mountains, with a real sense of place and a strong tie to the land. But when crops of new houses started replacing the corn, cattle, and tobacco that once grew around him, Philip could no longer recognize as home his family's small farm just outside Asheville, North Carolina.



The Fortunes' Greene County neighbors survey the surrounding hills and farmland from a high spot on the farm.

Totally surrounded by subdivisions and widened roads, Philip found it difficult to continue his agricultural operation and decided to move his family over the mountains to 180 acres of land near Midway in Greene County, Tennessee. He was determined, however, not to stand by and watch the same thing happen to his new homeplace. So, he donated a permanent conservation easement on his farm to The Land Trust for Tennessee to protect it from subdivision and development forever.

[To Read More about the Fortunes: Please Click Here](#)

Land Trust Staff Member May Leinhart Relocates in East Tennessee in Addition to Her Continued Work in Middle Tennessee

May Leinhart, a member of the Land Protection Team, has recently relocated to the mountains of East Tennessee. For the past two years, May has coordinated The Land Trust's "Loveless to Leipers" effort along the Natchez Trace. Now, in addition to her continued work in Williamson County, she is working with Land Trust partner and Appalachian RC&D Coordinator Roy Settle on an effort to protect Northeast Tennessee's family farms called "The Lands of Boone and Crockett."



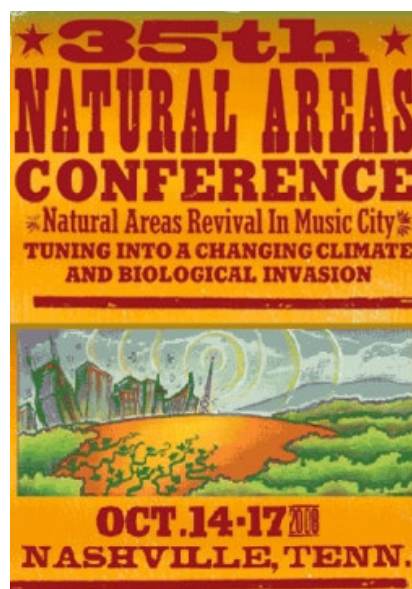
[To Read More about May and The Lands of Boone and Crockett: Please Click Here](#)

May Leinhart loves to spend time in the outdoors and is excited to explore all that East Tennessee has to offer.

"Lands Worth Preserving" celebrates Tennessee's distinctive landscapes and promotes The Land Trust's and Scenic Tennessee's roles in protecting our state's historical, cultural and scenic heritage.

[For Contest Details: Please Click Here](#)

The photo provided above is by Joe Allen of Nashville. His depiction of Falls Mill in Belvidere was chosen as the winning photograph in the 2008 Adult Professional category.



The Land Trust for Tennessee will be sponsoring in part the **35th Annual Natural Areas Conference**. Please click on the photo above to learn more about this exciting opportunity. You can register for the conference as well.

In the News

Visit the links below to see recent news articles about

The Land Trust for Tennessee.

["Bowie park may get conservation status"](#)

Williamson A.M.
September 7, 2008

["FOREVER FARMLAND" \(Driving & Biking Tour\)](#)

Williamson A.M.
August 31, 2008

["Commissioners hear park master plan proposal"](#)

Westview
August 27, 2008

["Land Trust's Brandt to speak at Sierra Club"](#)

Green Hills News
August 7, 2008

["Tenn. Farmland Legacy conference set"](#)

The Daily News Journal
August 2, 2008

["Ruling goes against moving park rock"](#)

The Tennessean
August 1, 2008

["Living Legacies: Julian Bibb III"](#)

Southern Exposure Magazine
August/September 2008

Call to Action

Take a Driving or Biking Tour of the Duck River Highlands

The Duck River Highlands Project area lies completely within the watershed of the Duck River, which is recognized as the most biologically diverse inland river in the nation. The river itself hosts an amazing 147 species of fish, 53 species of mussels and 22 species of snails (*The Duck River Highlands*). The Land Trust for Tennessee wants you to see this amazing area for yourself, so we have established a driving or biking tour of the area that will take you by six properties permanently protected by The Land Trust through conservation easements. The tour should take about 2 hours by car and will cover about 40 miles of some of the most scenic backroads in middle Tennessee.

[For Driving Tour Directions and Maps: Please Click Here](#)

Attend Tennessee Farmland Legacy Conference

Don't forget to mark your calendars for The Tennessee Farmland Legacy Conference, "Today's farms for tomorrow's families and communities," October 9th and 10th at Montgomery Bell State Park. Farmers, landowners and community leaders will have the opportunity to learn about



Staff Feature: Meredith Hansel, Land Protection Technical Assistant

Meredith joined our Land Protection staff in August. She has a B.S. in Environmental Studies from Maryville College and recently completed serving two years in AmeriCorps working at Hands On Nashville. A native Nashvillian, Meredith is familiar with the unique history and scenic beauty of Tennessee.

1. What is your favorite thing about living in Tennessee?

I love the fact that western, middle and east Tennessee are so different. I also love that Nashville can be called a "small city" and a "big town" at the same time.

2. Which part of Tennessee are you partial toward?

I love Nashville, but I went to Maryville College and will always be partial to the foothills of the Smokies and the lure of Appalachia.

3. What is a fact that people should know about you?

I live to cook. I love to cook. Give me a really great knife and I will make you a great meal.

4. Where did you go on your last vacation?

This May, I took my mom out of the country for the first time to visit my brother in Greece (see picture above). We, of course, had to hit London on the way home and had so much fun touring gardens and watching soccer!

5. Why work for The Land Trust?

I had been looking for the "right" position with a nonprofit in the environmental field. After my first interview, I knew that it would be a



The Land Trust's driving tour of the Duck River Highlands begins at the Water Valley Overlook, seen above.

protecting and growing today's farms for tomorrow's families and communities. Discussion topics will include property taxes, estate planning, conservation easements as well as other agriculture and community issues. Hosted by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, The Land Trust for Tennessee, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, The Century Farm Program, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Cumberland Region Tomorrow, the conference will offer valuable information for producers and community advisors.

[For Registration Information: Please Click Here](#)

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The Land Trust for Tennessee wants to know what you like about our E-Newsletter, what you want to see more of, and any suggestions you might have for us. Please respond to newsletter@landtrusttn.org with your ideas - the best one gets a prize from The Land Trust for Tennessee!

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great fit. It takes me back to my environmental roots. The staff is a very passionate group of people and I am grateful to move forward with them.

The Land Trust for Tennessee would like to thank all of our recent volunteers who have so generously given their time to us:

Brook Babcock, Sam Chester, Michelle Haynes, Bev Leiser, Emily McAlister, Charlie Nelson, Vadis Pierce, Carol Rehder, Vadie Turner, Vicki Turner, Linda Vannatta and Stephen Young

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